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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REVIEW OF NEW COLLECTION OF SUSLOV'S ARTICLES AND
SPEECHES

1. MAY 11 PRAVDA CARRIED A LONG, UNSIGNED REVIEW ARTICLE
OF A TWO-VOLUME COLLECTION OF SUSLOV'S SPEECHES AND ARTICLES.
LESS A CRITICAL REVIEW THAN A RESUME OF THE CONTENTS OF
THE BOOKS, THE ARTICLE STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE
OF THE PARTY IN ALL PHASES OF SOVIET LIFE, AS LEADER AND
GUIDE OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE. ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS,
THE REVIEW ARTICLE NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADING ROLE
OF THE CPSU IN THE FIGHT AGAINST REACTION AND IMPER-
IALISM. IT HIGHLIGHTS OBLIGATION OF ALL COMMUNIST
PARTIES TO FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-COMMUNISM, ANTI-SOCIALISM,
IMPERIALISM AND REVISIONISM.

2. THE MENTION OF THE DUTIES OF FOREIGN PARTIES MAY WELL
BE INTENDED TO COUNTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROCOMMUNISM
AND IS IN ANY CASE A WARNING TO THE FRATERNAL PARTIES
NOT TO GET OUT OF LINE. THE SECTION ON DOMESTIC ISSUES
STRIKES US AS REPETITION OF STANDARD SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL
BOILERPLATE. INDEED, THE ONLY REMARKABLE ASPECT OF THE
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ARTICLE ITSELF IS THAT BREZHNEV IS ONLY MENTIONED TWICE.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THE ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED AT
THIS TIME. IT IS TRUE THAT SUSLOV WILL BE 75 THIS YEAR,
BUT NOT UNTIL NOVEMBER 27. NOR IS THERE ANY OTHER
SPECIFIC EVENT WITH WHICH TO LINK THE BOOK. ONE WESTERN
DIPLOMATIC SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE APPARANCE OF THE

BOOK MAY BE LINKED TO A SUSLOV DECISION TO RETIRE, BUT
ADMITS THIS IS PURE SPECULATION.

4. THE BOOK IS TOUTED IN THE REVIEW AS BEING INDISPEN-
SABLE FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVISTS. IF, AS WE EXPECT, THE
BOOK IS AS TURGID AS THE REVIEW ARTICLE, IT WOULD BE VERY
HEAVY GOING FOR EVEN THE DEVOTED APPARETCHIK.
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